

## **H ENVIRONMENTAL, SAFETY AND HEALTH**

- Activities that protect the environment (air, land, water/biological/ecological resources), the workers, and the public must be fully funded in the FY2001 Hanford site budget. These activities may not be as visible in the budget process as project activities. ES&H activities, whether they are funded via indirect or direct program funds, are essential to protecting the overall health of the Hanford site. To ensure that all three elements of protection of workers, public, and environment are maximized each year, the FY2001 Hanford budget should:
    - Provide for a fully compliant budget, which includes funding for all TPA milestones and for compliance oversight (including inspection/assessment activities) and ES&H performance activities (such as the ISMS).
    - Provide assurance that ES&H activities (some of which are hidden costs, either through indirect charges or charges made directly to specific functional IPL activities) are not reduced simply to show cost efficiencies resulting in a lower indirect rate or reduced direct project costs. It is important to strive for efficiencies but sacrificing ES&H activities to accomplish these efficiencies is not acceptable.
    - Meet high profile commitments and legal requirements for improving emergency response plans and capabilities, chemical management and configuration management (correcting site blueprints to reflect as is conditions).
- (Hanford Advisory Board, Consensus Advice #94)

### **DOE-RL Response:**

**DOE-RL recognizes the importance of ES&H activities and will request adequate funding to meet all compliance and regulatory requirements. Cost reductions will not be sought in lieu of regulatory compliance. DOE continues to be committed to protecting the environment, worker, and public. The budget and priority process provides the opportunity to estimate and request full desired funding for all compliance, minimum safe, and essential services. With input from contractors, stakeholders, and regulators DOE-RL requests full funding for all anticipated regulatory activities involving ES&H.**

**Line management continues to be responsible for compliance. Support organizations provide the line with assistance, guidance/policy, oversight, scarce/unique resources, and compliance coordination. Management systems, such as Integrated Safety Management System (ISMS), in coordination with programs like Voluntary Protection Program, Enhanced Work Planning, Chemical Management System, and others provide the framework to assure DOE and stakeholders that these responsibilities are met and improved. Project obligations are captured within the work plans, budgets and schedules. Site-wide support has direct funded budgets under the Environmental Compliance Program. This program in concert with a variety of project specific functions support negotiations**

**for the Tri-Party Agreement, development of NEPA documentation, compliance supports for RCRA/CAA/CWA, permitting, reporting, and emergency preparedness.**